

ASSEMBLY, No. 4011

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

218th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires end-of-life recycling of solar and photovoltaic energy generation facilities and structures.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning recycling of solar and photovoltaic energy
2 generation facilities and structures, and supplementing Title 13
3 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. The owner of a solar or photovoltaic energy generation
9 facility or structure shall remove and recycle the facility or
10 structure, including any related equipment or infrastructure, in
11 accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Department of
12 Environmental Protection pursuant to subsection b. of this section.

13 b. The department shall adopt, pursuant to the "Administrative
14 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and
15 regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this section
16 which shall include, but need not be limited to, minimum
17 requirements for the removal and recycling of solar and
18 photovoltaic energy generation facilities and structures.

19 c. Any person who violates the provisions of this section, or
20 any rules or regulations adopted pursuant thereto, shall be subject to
21 a civil penalty up to \$1,000, to be collected in a civil action by a
22 summary proceeding under the "Penalty Enforcement Law of
23 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.). The Superior Court
24 and the municipal court shall have jurisdiction to enforce the
25 provisions of the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999" pursuant to
26 this subsection.

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28 2. This act shall take effect on the 180th day next following the
29 date of enactment, except that the Department of Environmental
30 Protection may take any administrative action in advance thereof as
31 shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

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36 This bill would require the owner of solar and photovoltaic
37 energy generation facilities and structures to remove and recycle the
38 facility and structures and any related equipment or infrastructure
39 after the termination of their use. The Department of
40 Environmental Protection would be required to adopt regulations to
41 establish standards for the removal and recycling of solar and
42 photovoltaic energy generation facilities and structures. Any
43 person found to have violated the provisions of this bill, or any
44 rules or regulations adopted pursuant thereto, would be subject to a
45 civil penalty up to \$1,000.